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Annotations

1. Election of officers

Rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council stipulates that, at the commencement of the first meeting of a

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regular session, the Commission shall elect from among the representatives of its members a Chairman, one or more Vice-Chairmen and such other officers as may be required.

At most of its past sessions, the Commission has elected a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur or Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure requires that, after the election of its officers at the beginning of each session, the Commission shall adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (E/CN.5/2001/1)

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the work of the session (E/CN.5/2001/L.1)

3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development

In accordance with the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world", the Commission will undertake regular assessments of the implementation of the Copenhagen commitments and the further initiatives adopted at Geneva.

(a) Themes:

(i) Priority theme: enhancing social protection and reducing vulnerability in a globalizing world;

(ii) Sub-theme: the role of volunteerism in the promotion of social development

As decided at the thirty-eighth session, the Commission will have before it reports of the Secretary-General on the priority theme and sub-theme.

(b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups

The Commission will consider issues pertaining to the situation of social groups. The Commission will have before it reports of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons and the follow-up to the International Year of the Family and the observance of its tenth anniversary in 2004.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 54/262 of 25 May 2000, the Commission will serve as the preparatory committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing. The Bureau of the Commission has proposed that the Preparatory Committee should meet from 26 February to 2 March 2001.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on enhancing social protection and reducing vulnerability in a globalizing world (E/CN.5/2001/-)

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of volunteerism in the promotion of social development (E/CN.5/2001/-)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the contribution of the United Nations Volunteers Programme to the Preparatory Committee of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (E/CN.5/2001/-)

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons (E/CN.5/2001/-)

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the International Year of the Family and the observance of its tenth anniversary in 2004 (E/CN.5/2001/-)

4. Multi-year programme of work of the Commission for 2002-2006

The Commission will decide on its multi-year programme of work for 2002-2006.

5. Programme questions and other matters:

(a) Programme performance and implementation

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 39/238 of 18 December 1984, the Commission will have before it excerpts from the report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1998-1999 (A/55/73) and from the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its fortieth session (A/55/16).

(b) Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2002-2003

The Commission will have before it the proposed programme of work of the Secretariat for the biennium 2002-2003 in the field of social development.

(c) United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

Nomination of members of the Board of the Institute

The Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development is composed of 10 members who are nominated by the Commission for Social Development and confirmed by the Economic and Social Council for a term of four years, renewable once for a further two years, in accordance with Commission resolution 10 (XXV).

The Commission, at its thirty-ninth session, will therefore be called upon to nominate a number of new members and to renominate some existing members of the Board. The Council will be called upon to confirm those nominations in 2001.

Report of the Board of the Institute

In accordance with its terms of reference, the Board of the Institute submits to the Commission a report on the progress of its work. The report before the Commission covers the biennium 1999-2000.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the draft proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (E/CN.5/2001/L.-)

Note by the Secretary-General on the nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (E/CN.5/2001/-)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (E/CN.5/2001/-)

6. Provisional agenda for the fortieth session of the Commission

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure, the Commission will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its fortieth session, together with an indication of the documents to be submitted for its consideration.

Documentation

Draft provisional agenda for the fortieth session of the Commission for Social Development (E/CN.5/2001/L.-)

7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirty-ninth session

In accordance with rule 37 of the rules of procedure, the Commission reports to the Economic and Social Council on the work of each session.